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The Star Brand . . . the most potent object of power the Earth has ever seen. Where it came from, how it got to Earth, what energies it employs are unfathomable mysteries. Whosoever wields its power can do virtually anything. The only limitation to its use is the imagination and courage of its wielder.

So far two men of Earth have possessed its power. The first, known only as the Old Man, was a Dutch count who acquired the Star Brand some 500 years ago. He kept the power a secret while it grew inside his body, aging his body very slowly. Eventually he realized that the power was too unstable for him to ever control, and on July 22, 1986, the Old Man tried to transfer its power to an asteroid. The flash of energy caused by the transfer atomized the asteroid and sent the Star Brand's awesome energies cascading into space, bombarding the earth with mutagenic energy. This, dubbed the White Event, lasted less than two seconds, but had worldwide consequences. Two human beings in every million were affected by those energies, and began to change, assuming paranormal forms and abilities.

Realizing he still possessed a fraction of its nigh-infinite power, the Old Man passed the Star Brand along to another human being, Pittsburgh-born car mechanic Kenneth Connell. Connell employed the Star Brand energies for months, fending off the Old Man's efforts to test his abilities, and finally decided to assume the dual identity of a costumed hero. But when Connell realized that he could not wield the power wisely enough, he too tried to transfer the Star Brand's power into an inanimate object. Soaring ten miles high above his home, Connell transferred the Star Brand into a bent dumbbell, only to have its alien energies totally obliterate everything within a 50-mile wide sphere around him, including the city of Pittsburgh. Connell's body itself was disintegrated in the Black Event, but has since been resurrected by the power of the Star Brand.

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AOOOGAH!
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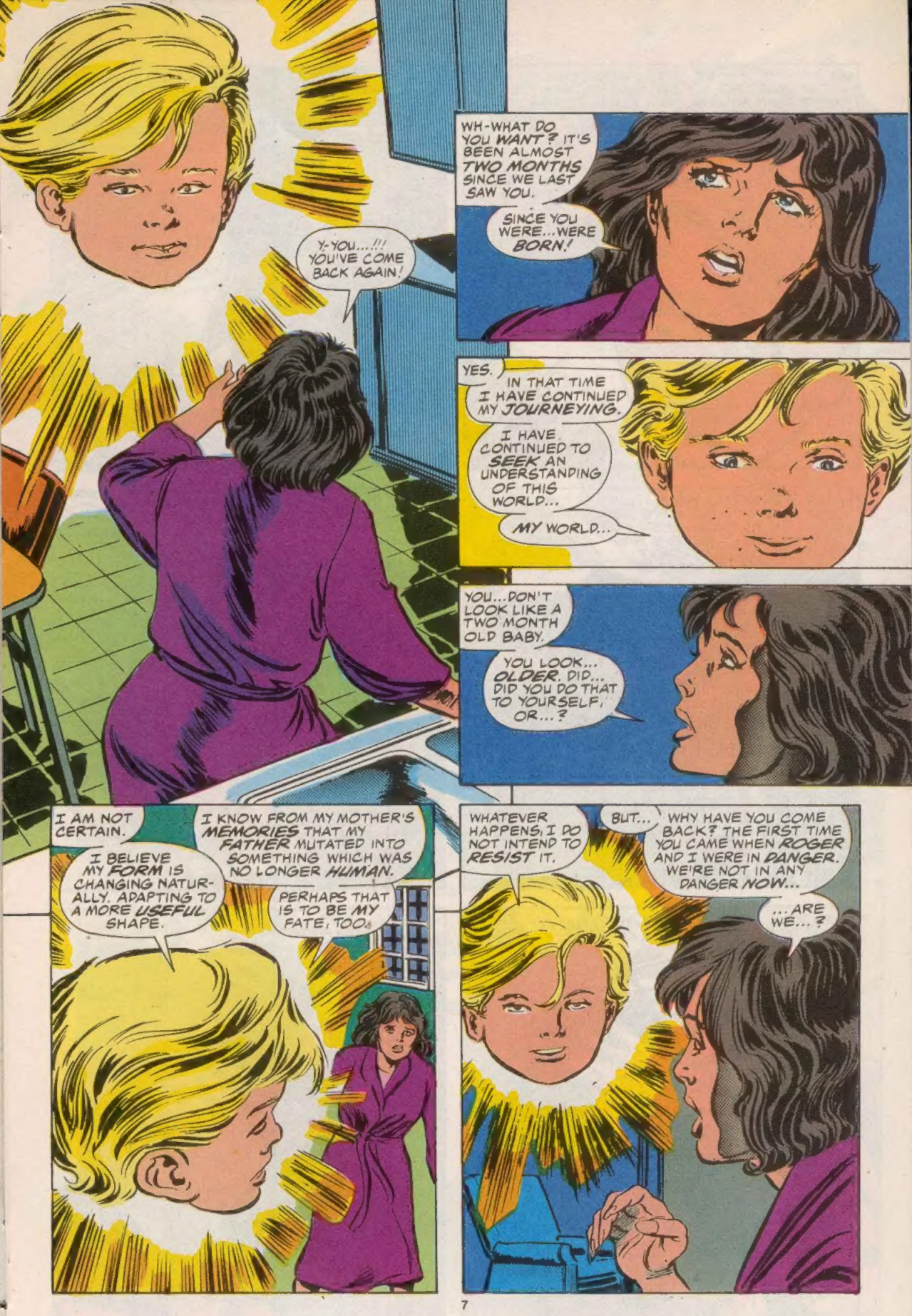
WHIRRRR

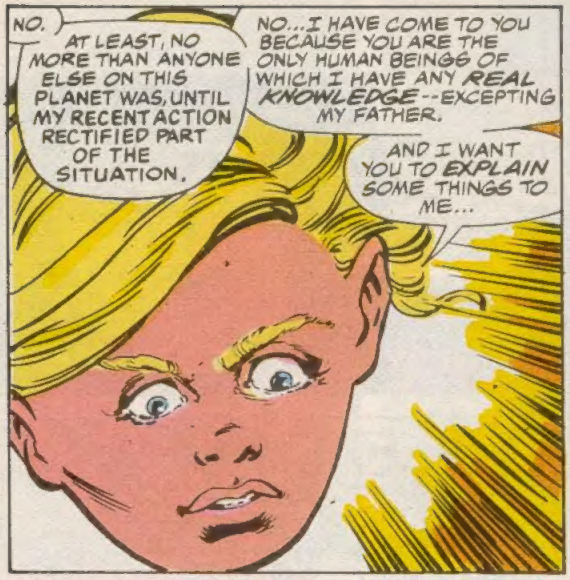
AOOOGAH!

USA

THE WORLD'S SALVATION HAS BEGUN!

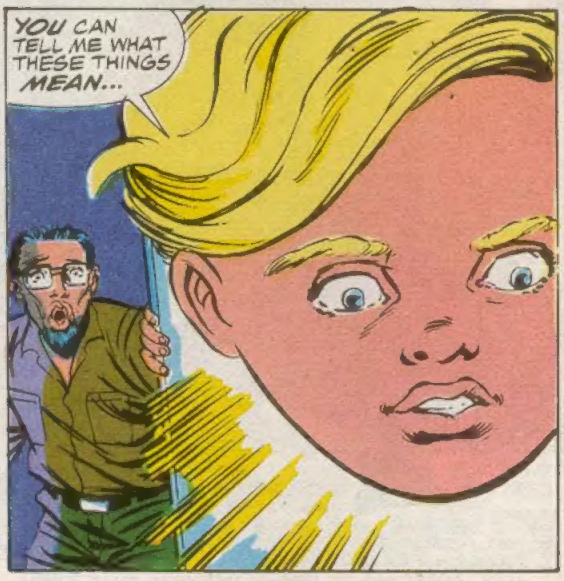
DRRIINGG
JANE...


Y-YOU...!!! YOU'VE COME BACK AGAIN!
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT? IT'S BEEN ALMOST TWO MONTHS SINCE WE LAST SAW YOU.
SINCE YOU WERE...WERE BORN!
YES.
IN THAT TIME I HAVE CONTINUED MY JOURNEYING.
I HAVE CONTINUED TO SEEK AN UNDERSTANDING OF THIS WORLD...
MY WORLD...
YOU...DON'T LOOK LIKE A TWO MONTH OLD BABY.
YOU LOOK... OLDER. DID... DID YOU DO THAT TO YOURSELF, OR...?
I AM NOT CERTAIN.
I BELIEVE MY FORM IS CHANGING NATURALLY. ADAPTING TO A MORE USEFUL SHAPE.
I KNOW FROM MY MOTHER'S MEMORIES THAT MY FATHER MUTATED INTO SOMETHING WHICH WAS NO LONGER HUMAN.
PERHAPS THAT IS TO BE MY FATE, TOO.
WHATEVER HAPPENS, I DO NOT INTEND TO RESIST IT.
BUT...
WHY HAVE YOU COME BACK? THE FIRST TIME YOU CAME WHEN ROGER AND I WERE IN DANGER. WE'RE NOT IN ANY DANGER NOW...
...ARE WE...?


NO.
AT LEAST, NO MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE ON THIS PLANET WAS, UNTIL MY RECENT ACTION RECTIFIED PART OF THE SITUATION.
NO... I HAVE COME TO YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE THE ONLY HUMAN BEINGS OF WHICH I HAVE ANY REAL KNOWLEDGE--EXCEPTING MY FATHER.
AND I WANT YOU TO EXPLAIN SOME THINGS TO ME...

HM...?
EXPLAIN THINGS? WHAT THINGS?

THERE IS MUCH ABOUT THIS WORLD WHICH CONFUSES ME, JANE.
I HAVE ALL MY MOTHER'S MEMORIES, AS YOU KNOW, BUT SHE WAS POORLY EDUCATED.
MUCH OF THE WORLD FRIGHTENED HER, AND SHE TRIED TO IGNORE IT.


YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT THESE THINGS MEAN...

OPEN YOUR MIND TO ME, JANE...
AH-AOWWW!!!

JANE!
GET AWAY FROM HER, YOU...

ROGER!!
OH, GOD, ROGER...
...NO...
...NO...
WHY DID YOU DO THAT TO HIM?
YOU KILLED HIM YOU INHUMAN SON OF A--
I DID NOTHING.
HE ATTACKED ME, JANE...

ATTACKED YOU?
ATTACKED YOU?!?
HE SWUNG HIS CANE AT YOU! HIS ORDINARY WOODEN CANE!
YOU TALK ABOUT TRAVELLING ALL OVER THE SOLAR SYSTEM -- YOU SAID YOU'D BEEN TO MERCURY AND SATURN...
AND YOU CALL THAT AN ATTACK??
WHAT COULD HE HAVE DONE TO YOU?
HOW COULD HE HAVE HURT YOU, THAT YOU HAD TO KILL HIM...???
MY INSTINCT IS FOR SELF-PRESERVATION, JANE...
I DO NOT CLAIM TO UNDERSTAND IT. IT SIMPLY EXISTS.
SELF-PRESERVATION...??
AND IS THAT THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN PRESERVE YOURSELF? BY KILLING??
THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS I DO NOT UNDERSTAND, JANE.
WHEN MY BIRTH CAUSED MY MOTHER'S LIFE ESSENCE TO DEPART HER BODY I ATTEMPTED TO PRESERVE IT
I FAILED.
SINCE THEN I HAVE OBSERVED MANY SUCH DEPARTURES. MANY I HAVE CAUSED, WHEN I WAS ATTACKED.
YOU...
YOU'VE BEEN... KILLING PEOPLE? WHO...?? WHY...??

"THE FIRST...NOT LONG AFTER MY BIRTH. AS I WANDERED ACROSS THE BROKEN LANDS SURROUNDING THE GREAT CRATER...
"THEY WERE A BATTERED BAND OF SURVIVORS...
"FEARFUL OF MY APPROACH, THEY HURLED STONES AT ME....
"BEFORE I COULD EVEN CONSIDER MY ACTIONS, I DESTROYED THEM...
"JUST AS I WOULD LATER DESTROY THE MONSTER DOG WHICH ATTACKED YOU AND ROGER.
"THEN THERE WAS A SQUADRON OF JET AIRCRAFT...
"THEY FIRED ON ME...
"AND I DESTROYED THEM..."
JUST LIKE THAT?
DIDN'T YOU UNDERSTAND HOW WRONG THAT WAS?
YOU SAY YOU'VE GOT ALL MADDIE'S--ALL YOUR MOTHER'S MEMORIES...
DIDN'T THEY TELL YOU WHAT YOU WERE DOING WAS WRONG?
MURDER...??

IT IS IN THIS THAT I BECOME MOST CONFUSED, JANE.
MY MOTHER'S STRONGEST MEMORY IS OF MY FATHER HAVING DONE THIS THING, THIS MURDER, BUT ON A SCALE SO VAST SHE COULD BARELY COMPREHEND IT.
PERHAPS THAT IS MY ANSWER.
PERHAPS IF I AM TRULY TO UNDERSTAND MY PLACE...
...MY PLACE IN THIS WORLD...
...THEN I MUST FIND MY FATHER...
...BUT...
...ROGER...

PLEASE..
...STOP..
...I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE...
WHAT?!?

YOU UNGRATEFUL WITCH!!
I SAVED YOU!! DIDN'T I SAVE YOU FROM THAT GANG OF LOOTERS?
DIDN'T I RESCUE YOU FROM A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH??

...YES...
...YES...
...AND I'VE THANKED YOU. I'VE THANKED YOU IN EVERY WAY I COULD...
...NOW, PLEASE ..
...PLEASE, CAN'T YOU LET ME GO NOW? IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS...
...THREE DAYS WITHOUT REST...

I... DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE...
...BUT I'M ONLY HUMAN...
...I CAN'T..

SHUT UP!!
OH-HHH!!

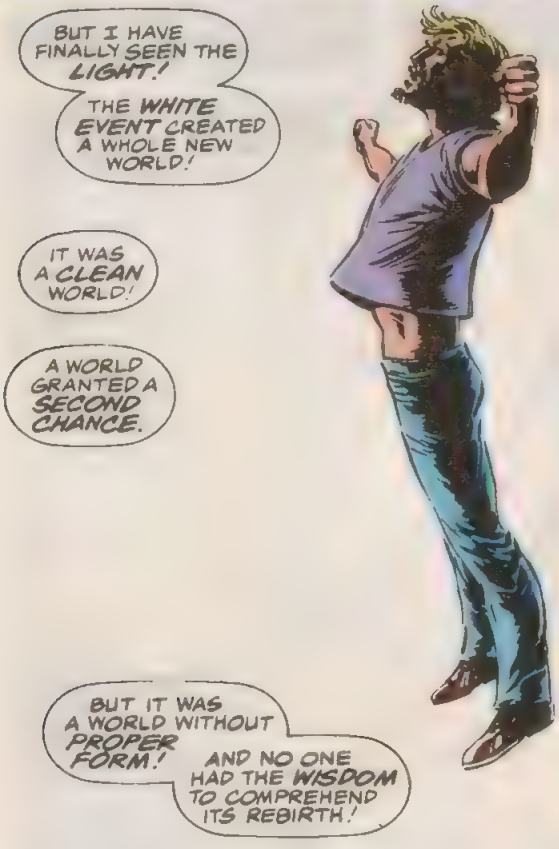
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, DO YOU?
NONE OF YOU CAN EVEN BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND!
AND WHY SHOULD YOU? IT TOOK EVEN ME LONG ENOUGH!
BUT I KNOW NOW!
I HAD TO KILL A MILLION PEOPLE TO DO IT-- BUT I UNDERSTAND!
THE OLD MAN! THE ONE WHO GAVE ME MY POWER! HE WAS GOD!
GOD!!
HE CHOSE ME TO BE THE NEW MESSIAH! CHOSE ME TO SHAPE THE UNIVERSE IN MY IMAGE!
THAT'S WHY I HAVE ALL THIS POWER! POWER TO GIVE PLEASURE SUCH AS NO MAN HAS EVER DREAMED...
BUT ALSO POWER TO KILL...POWER TO CLEANSE, TO...
...PURGE...?!?
FATHER...

WHAT...?
WHERE...??
HOW...???
CALM YOURSELF, FATHER...
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE COMMUNICATE. I HAVE BROUGHT YOU TO A PLACE WHERE WE WILL NOT BE INTERRUPTED.
THAT VOICE... INSIDE MY HEAD...
YOU SOUND JUST LIKE...?
YES. I AM THE CHILD OF YOURSELF AND MADDIE FELIX. HER MEMORIES RESIDE IN ME.
BUT I NEED YOUR MEMORIES TOO, IF I AM TO BECOME WHOLE, FATHER.
NO!!

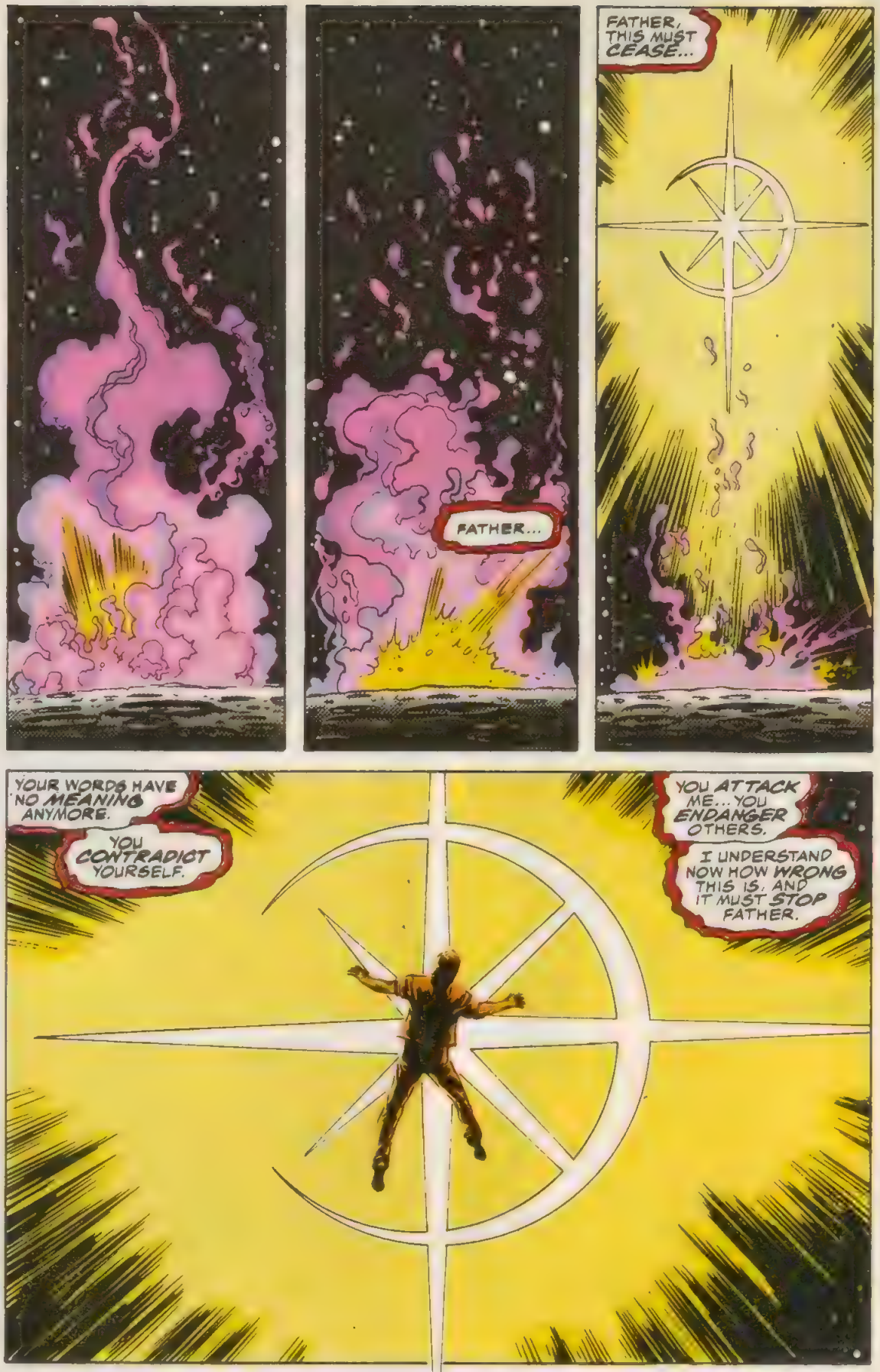
FATHER...
WHAT IS WRONG?
YOU DO NOT MATCH MY MOTHER'S MEMORIES OF YOU.
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU?
HAPPENED?
I HAVE SEEN THE TRUTH! I HAVE SEEN THAT MINE IS THE ONLY WAY!
I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS HOW THE WORLD SHOULD BE!
BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK TO TAKE MY POWER.
THE OLD MAN...
AND YOU!!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME!
YOU CAN'T HURT ME!
NO ONE CAN!
I HAVE THE POWER!
THE PERFECT POWER!
AND NO ONE WILL EVER TAKE IT FROM ME!

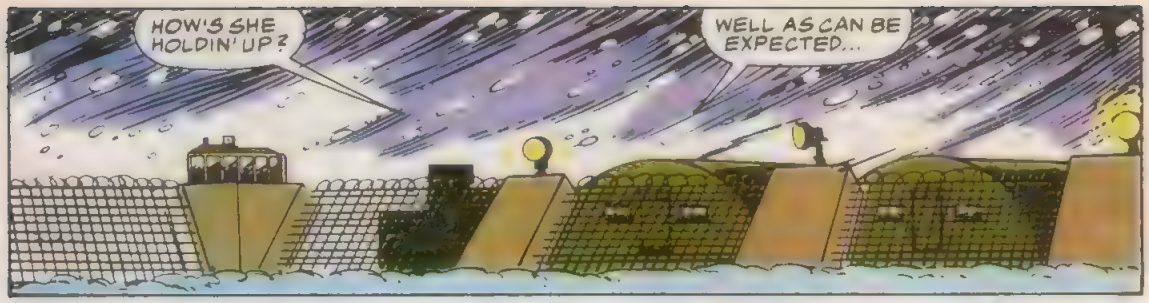
YOU'RE ALL JEALOUS OF ME!
JEALOUS OF THE CHOSEN ONE!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ME!
YOU FEAR AND HATE ME!


BUT I HAVE FINALLY SEEN THE LIGHT!
THE WHITE EVENT CREATED A WHOLE NEW WORLD!
IT WAS A CLEAN WORLD!
A WORLD GRANTED A SECOND CHANCE.
BUT IT WAS A WORLD WITHOUT PROPER FORM!
AND NO ONE HAD THE WISDOM TO COMPREHEND ITS REBIRTH!

BUT I DID! THAT'S WHY THE OLD MAN CHOSE ME!
I HAVE FOUR THOUSAND YEARS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION BEHIND ME!
STAND AGAINST ME, AND YOU STAND AGAINST ALL THAT IS WISE AND GERMANE... HUH??


FATHER...
FATHER, THIS MUST CEASE...
YOUR WORDS HAVE NO MEANING ANYMORE.
YOU CONTRADICT YOURSELF.
YOU ATTACK ME... YOU ENDANGER OTHERS.
I UNDERSTAND NOW HOW WRONG THIS IS, AND IT MUST STOP FATHER.

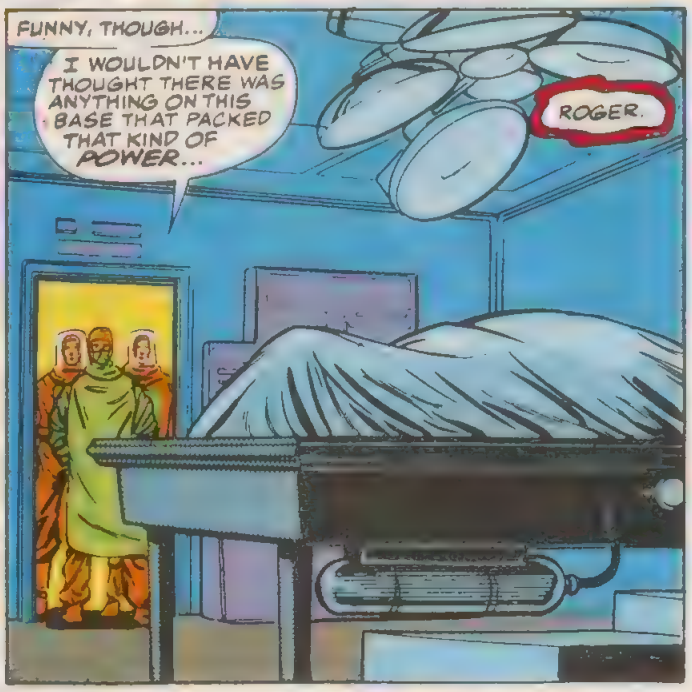
LET ME GO!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
I HAVE THE POWER!
THE POWER!!
YOU PRESENT ME WITH A DILEMMA, FATHER.
I DO NOT HAVE THE POWER TO UNDO THIS MADNESS.
EVEN NOW I READ THE TURMOIL WITHIN YOUR BRAIN. I SEE THE MADNESS INTO WHICH YOU HAVE FALLEN.
YET IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT YOU CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO ROAM FREE IN THIS CONDITION...
NOT WHILE YOU STILL POSSESS THE POWER.
IT WOULD BE EASY ENOUGH FOR ME TO KILL YOU... KILL YOU PERMANENTLY.
BUT I AM LEARNING THIS IS NOT A THING WHICH I SHOULD DO...
THEN LET ME GO! THE POWER IS MINE!
I AM THE MESSIAH!!
NO FATHER.
I BELIEVE I HAVE THE POWER TO REMOVE THE STARBRAND FROM YOUR BODY--TO SIPHON AWAY ITS ENERGY.
BUT I CANNOT DO SO WITHOUT FURTHER DAMAGING YOUR MIND, FATHER.
ALTERNATELY, I COULD ABSORB YOU, TOTALLY, AS I DID THE LIFE ESSENSE OF MY MOTHER...
BECAUSE YOU ARE MY FATHER, I OFFER YOU THE CHOICE IN THIS.
WHICH WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO, FATHER?
MADNESS OR NONEXISTENCE?
THAT'S WHAT YOU OFFER ME?
WHAT KIND OF CHOICE IS THAT??
I BELIEVE IT IS CALLED HOBSON'S CHOICE, FATHER.
NOW...!
MAKE IT.!!


HOW'S SHE HOLDIN' UP?
WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED...

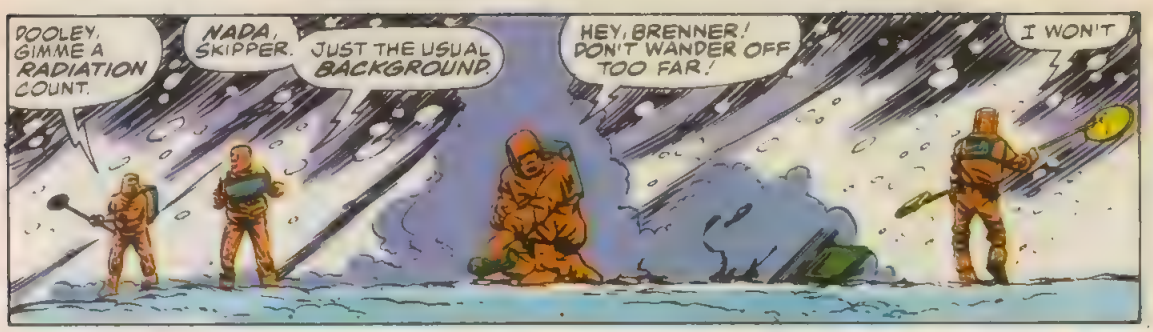
WE'VE GOT HER HEAVILY SEDATED. IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO STOP HER RAVING.
YEAH, I HEARD ABOUT THAT
SOMETHING ABOUT A BABY WITH FANTASTIC POWERS? MAN, THIS OL' WORLD IS PLENTY SCREWED UP THESE DAYS. BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN BUY THAT!

ME NEITHER.
STILL, SOMETHING PAR-BROILED HER HUSBAND.
ELECTRICAL FAULT SOMEWHERE IN THEIR QUARTERS?
THOSE ROOMS WERE THROWN TOGETHER PRETTY QUICK AFTER WE GOT ORDERED NOT TO LET 'EM GO.
WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME IF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS BOLLIXED IT UP SOMEWHERES

ME NEITHER.
HEY, DOC! FINISHED THE AUTOPSY YET?
YES.
JUST WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE MASSIVE ELECTRICAL SHOCK.


FUNNY, THOUGH...
I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT THERE WAS ANYTHING ON THIS BASE THAT PACKED THAT KIND OF POWER...
ROGER.

I AM SORRY FOR WHAT I DID TO YOU ROGER
I UNDERSTAND NOW THAT IT WAS WRONG.
I HAVE DONE MANY THINGS WHICH WERE WRONG.
THOSE I CANNOT UNDO.
BUT THE WRONG I DID YOU IS WITHIN MY POWER TO CORRECT.
AS LONG AS THE SMALLEST SPARK OF LIFE REMAINS WITHIN YOU-- YOU CAN BE SAVED!
ALL THE DAMAGE DONE YOU IS NOW UNDONE...
YOU ARE REMADE, ROGER.
AND MORE...
YOU ARE NOW BETTER THAN BEFORE.
YOU ARE NOW PERFECT, ROGER.


DOOLEY, GIMME A RADIATION COUNT.
NADA, SKIPPER.
JUST THE USUAL BACKGROUND.
HEY, BRENNER! DON'T WANDER OFF TOO FAR!
I WON'T

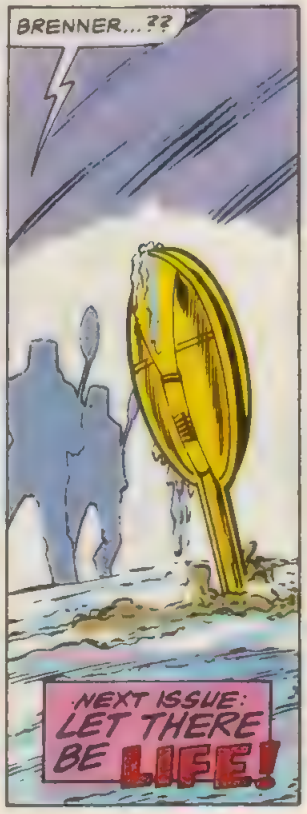
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
RIGHT HERE I'M MAYBE A MILE FROM MY HOUSE...
MOM... DAD... SIS..

BUT A MILE FROM HERE IS INSIDE TH' PITT... AN' INSIDE TH' PITT IS...
...NOTHIN'!
JUST STEAM AN' THAT PITT JUICE...

I DON'T EVEN...
HUH?

MURPHY! DOOLEY!!
HEE-ELLP!!
THAT'S BRENNER!
DANGER

HE WAS HEADIN' FOR THE EDGE OF THE PITT!
THAT'S THE INTERFACE!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY CLEAR OF THERE!
BRENNER?
BRENNER, CAN YOU HEAR ME?


BRENNER...??
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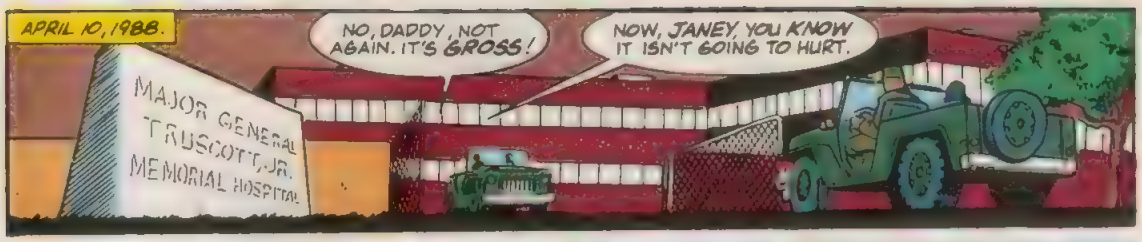
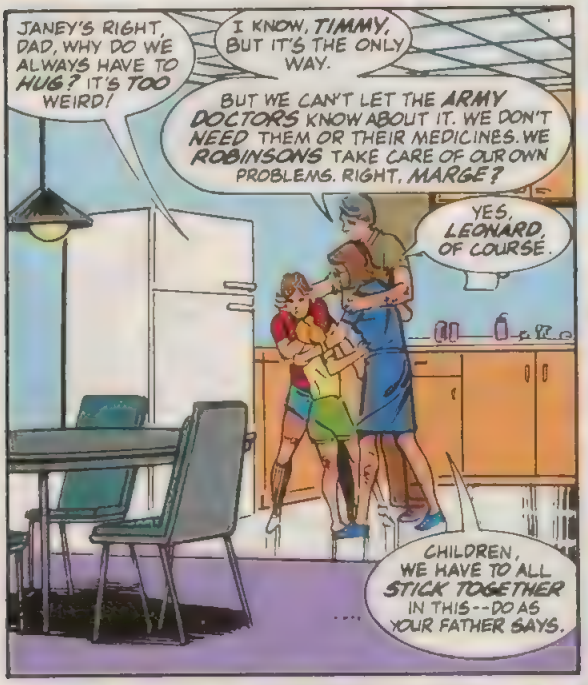
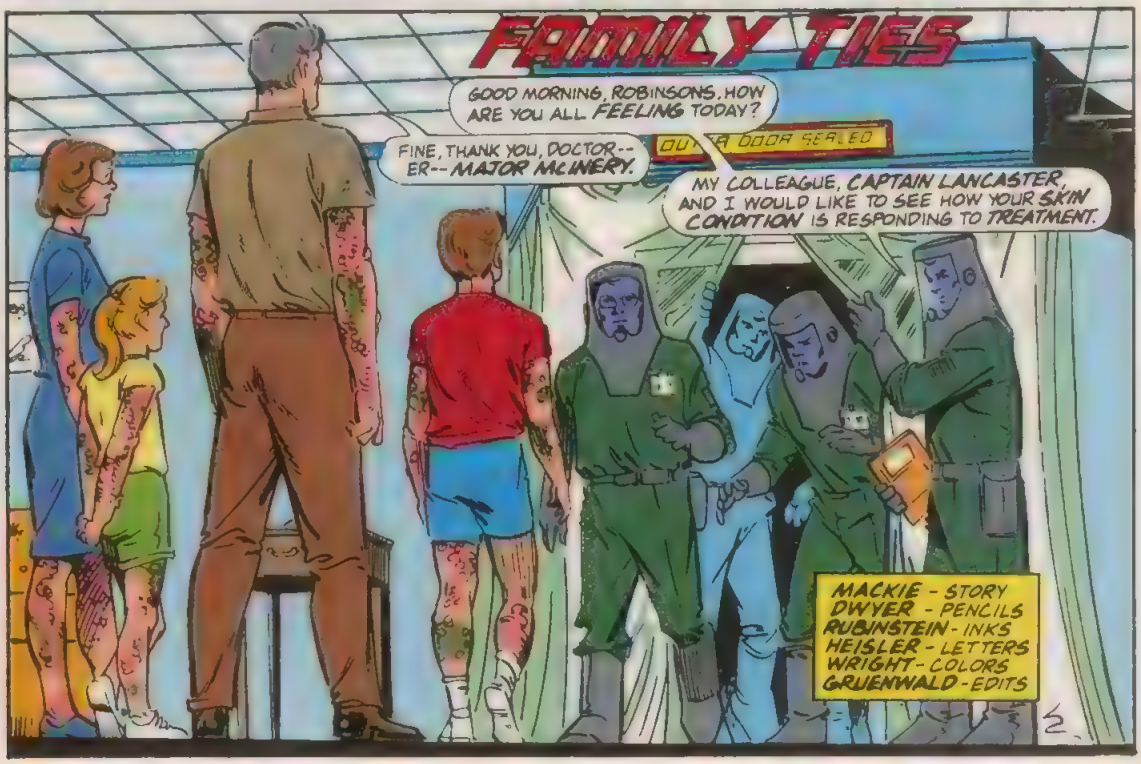
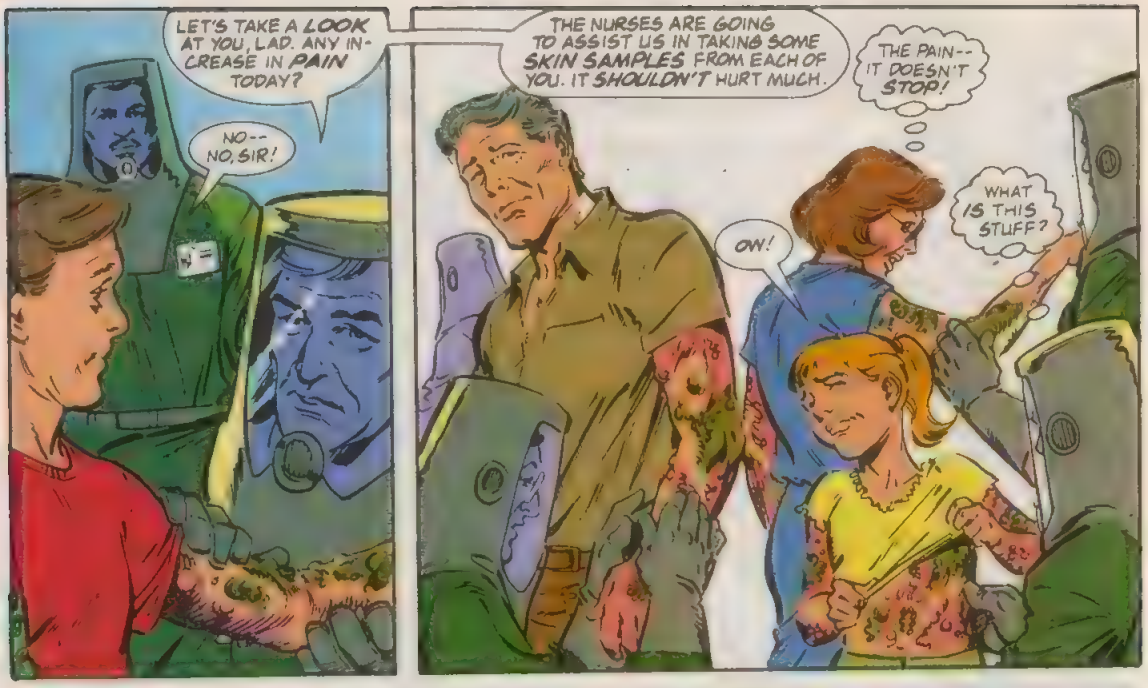

APRIL 10, 1988.
NO, DADDY, NOT AGAIN. IT'S GROSS!
NOW, JANEY, YOU KNOW IT ISN'T GOING TO HURT.
MAJOR GENERAL TRUSCOTT, JR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

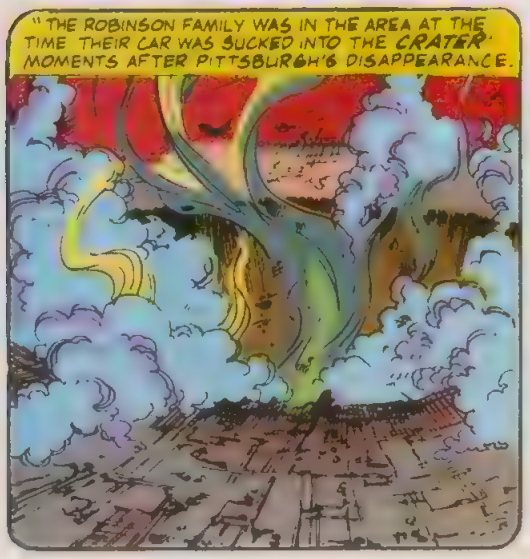

JANEY'S RIGHT, DAD, WHY DO WE ALWAYS HAVE TO HUG? IT'S TOO WEIRD!
I KNOW, TIMMY, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY.
BUT WE CAN'T LET THE ARMY DOCTORS KNOW ABOUT IT. WE DON'T NEED THEM OR THEIR MEDICINES. WE ROBINSONS TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN PROBLEMS. RIGHT, MARGE?
YES, LEONARD, OF COURSE.
CHILDREN, WE HAVE TO ALL STICK TOGETHER IN THIS--DO AS YOUR FATHER SAYS.

BEEP
HERE THEY COME AGAIN.
WE'D BEST SEPARATE UNTIL THEY'RE DONE WITH THEIR TESTS.
I DON'T WANT ANY MORE TESTS. I'M HUNGRY!
ME TOO!

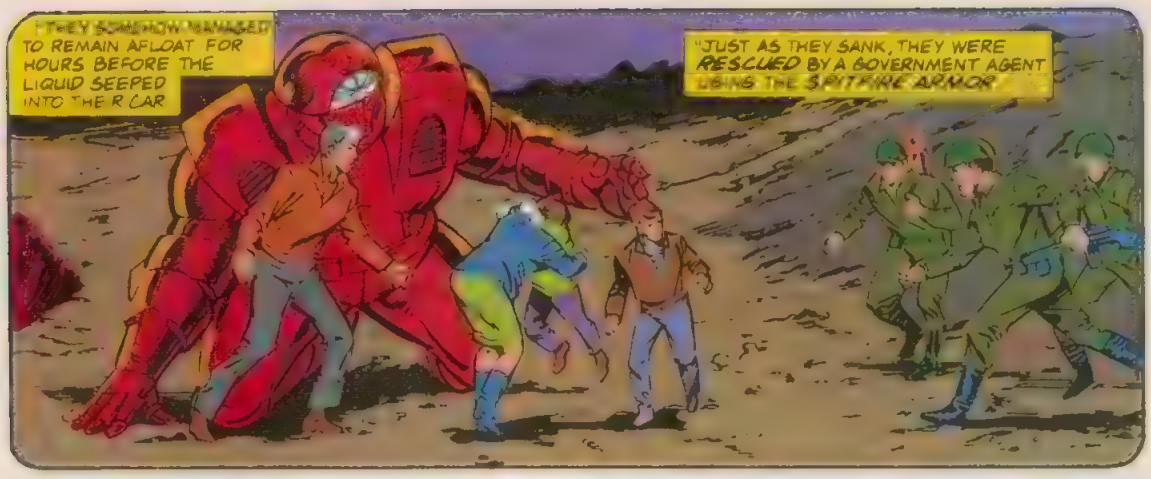

FAMILY TIES
GOOD MORNING, ROBINSONS. HOW ARE YOU ALL FEELING TODAY?
FINE, THANK YOU, DOCTOR--ER--MAJOR McINERY.
OUTER DOOR SEALED
MY COLLEAGUE, CAPTAIN LANCASTER, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW YOUR SKIN CONDITION IS RESPONDING TO TREATMENT.
MACKIE - STORY
DWYER - PENCILS
RUBINSTEIN - INKS
HEISLER - LETTERS
WRIGHT - COLORS
GRUENWALD - EDITS

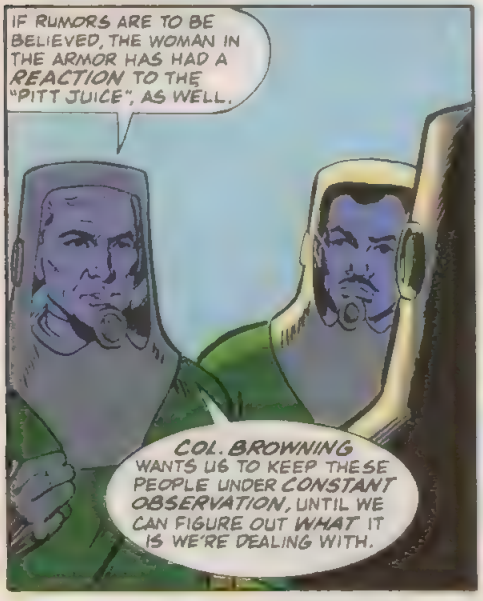

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT YOU, LAD. ANY INCREASE IN PAIN TODAY?
NO-- NO, SIR!
THE NURSES ARE GOING TO ASSIST US IN TAKING SOME SKIN SAMPLES FROM EACH OF YOU. IT SHOULDN'T HURT MUCH.
THE PAIN-- IT DOESN'T STOP!
WHAT IS THIS STUFF?
OW!

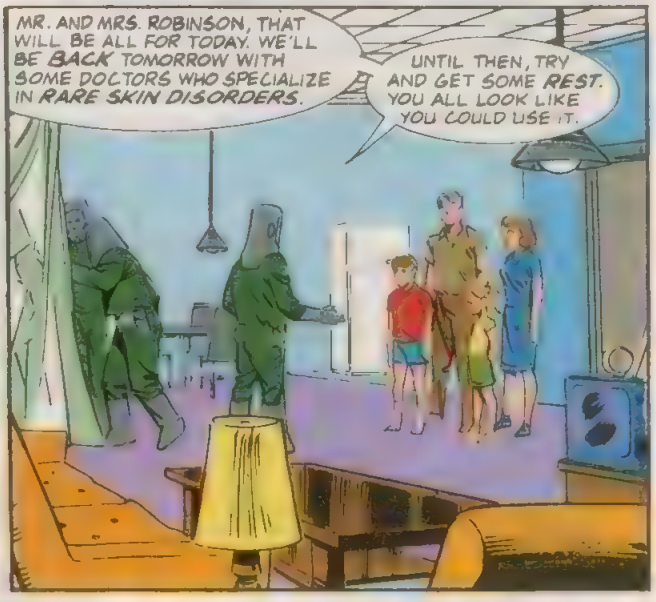
AS YOU CAN SEE, CAPTAIN, THEY ARE NOT RESPONDING TO EITHER INTERNAL OR TOPICAL ANTIBIOTICS. THIS RASH IS LIKE NO OTHER I'VE EVER SEEN.
THE LESIONS BEGAN TO APPEAR FOUR MONTHS AGO. RIGHT AFTER THE PITTSBURGH DISASTER.*
JUST HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER. THEY'LL BE GONE SOON. WE'LL MAKE IT STOP HURTING.
* SEE STAR BRAND #12 AND THE PITT.

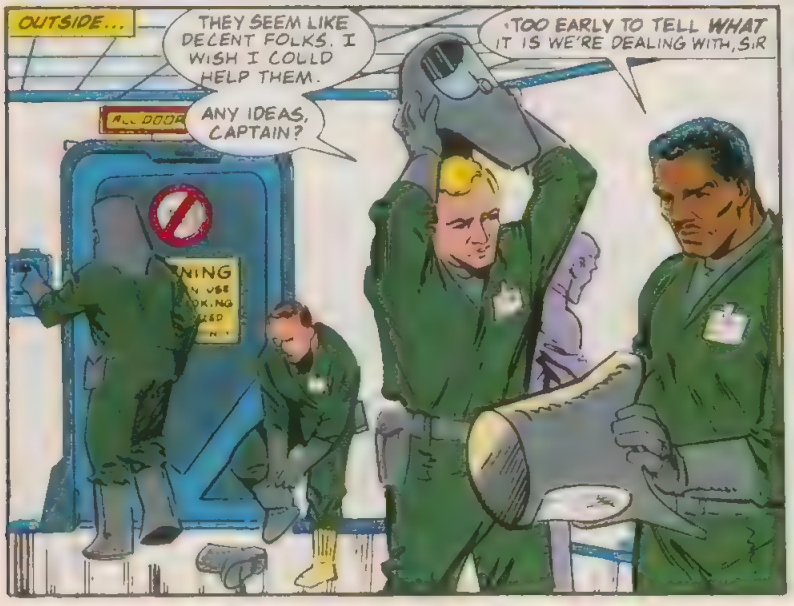

"THE ROBINSON FAMILY WAS IN THE AREA AT THE TIME THEIR CAR WAS SUCKED INTO THE CRATER MOMENTS AFTER PITTSBURGH'S DISAPPEARANCE.

"THEY SOMEHOW SURVIVED THE PLUNGE AND ENDED UP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CRATER FLOATING IN WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS THE LIQUID REMAINS OF PITTSBURGH--PITT JUICE, SOME HAVE LABELED IT.

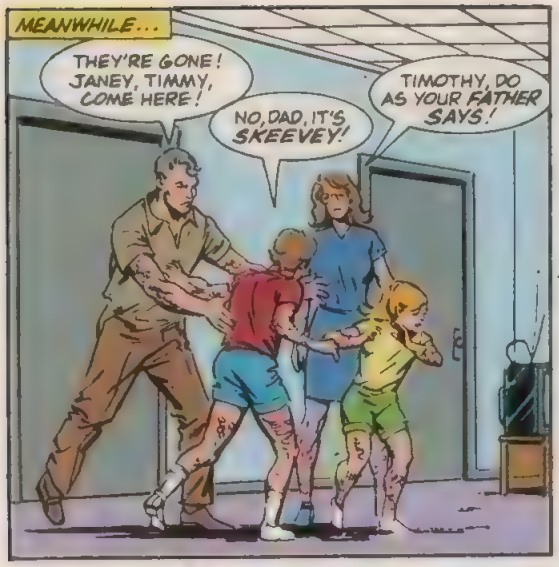

"THEY SOMEHOW MANAGED TO REMAIN AFLOAT FOR HOURS BEFORE THE LIQUID SEEPED INTO THEIR CAR
"JUST AS THEY SANK, THEY WERE RESCUED BY A GOVERNMENT AGENT USING THE SPITFIRE ARMOR

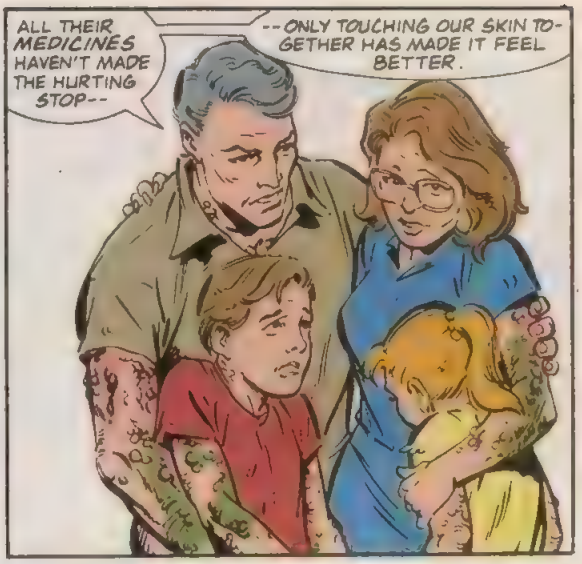

IF RUMORS ARE TO BE BELIEVED, THE WOMAN IN THE ARMOR HAS HAD A REACTION TO THE "PITT JUICE", AS WELL.
COL. BROWNING WANTS US TO KEEP THESE PEOPLE UNDER CONSTANT OBSERVATION, UNTIL WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS WE'RE DEALING WITH.

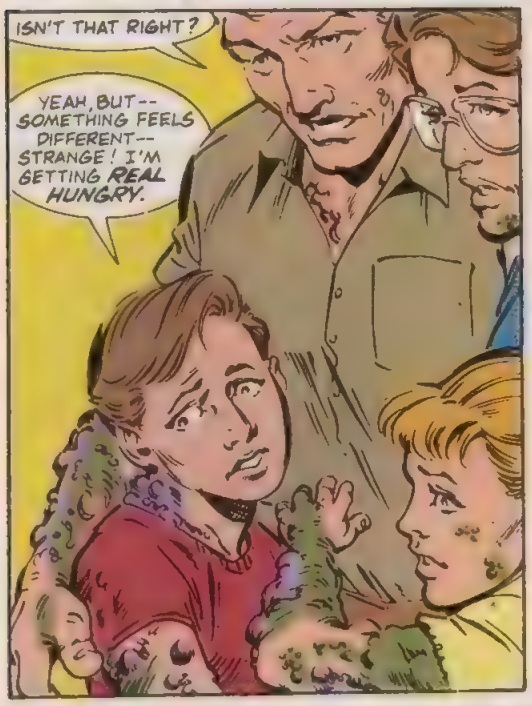

MR. AND MRS. ROBINSON, THAT WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY. WE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW WITH SOME DOCTORS WHO SPECIALIZE IN RARE SKIN DISORDERS.
UNTIL THEN, TRY AND GET SOME REST. YOU ALL LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE IT.


OUTSIDE...
THEY SEEM LIKE DECENT FOLKS. I WISH I COULD HELP THEM.
ANY IDEAS, CAPTAIN?
TOO EARLY TO TELL WHAT IT IS WE'RE DEALING WITH, SIR

WHATEVER IT IS, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE THINKS IT WARRANTS PUTTING ME IN HERE TO FIND OUT IF IT HAS ANY BIOLOGICAL WARFARE POTENTIAL!


MEANWHILE...
THEY'RE GONE! JANEY, TIMMY, COME HERE!
NO, DAD, IT'S SKEEVEY!
TIMOTHY, DO AS YOUR FATHER SAYS!


ALL THEIR MEDICINES HAVEN'T MADE THE HURTING STOP--
--ONLY TOUCHING OUR SKIN TOGETHER HAS MADE IT FEEL BETTER.


ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
YEAH, BUT-- SOMETHING FEELS DIFFERENT-- STRANGE! I'M GETTING REAL HUNGRY.

GRACIOUS, LEONARD, WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE CHILDREN-- TO US!?!
DADDY! MOMMY!
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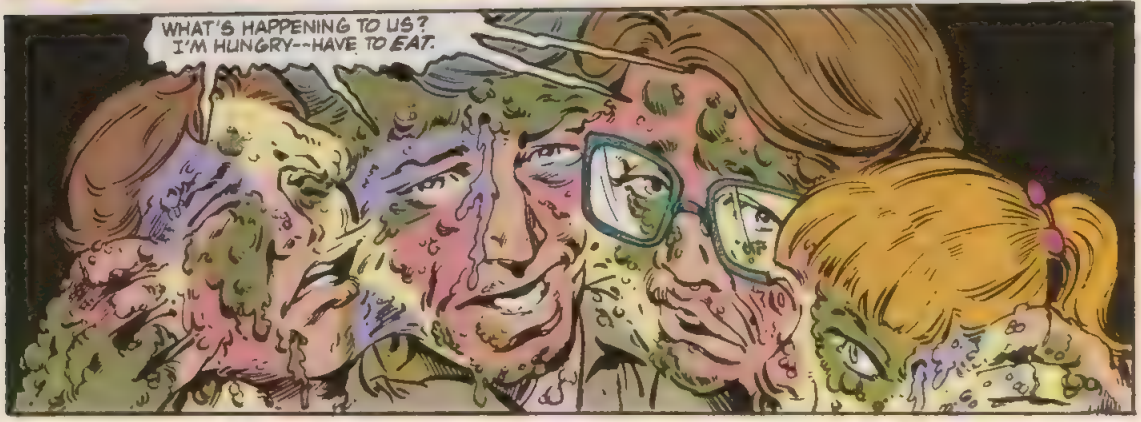
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US? I'M HUNGRY--HAVE TO EAT.

THE NEXT MORNING...
LOCK D SENERGED
DOCTORS, A REMINDER TO KEEP YOUR SUITS SEALED TIGHT. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE.
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OTHER THAN THEIR PECULIAR SKIN PROBLEM, THE ROBINSONS SEEM LIKE A TYPICAL AMERICAN FAMILY. AS YOU CAN--
WHERE ARE THEY? THAT SMELL! WHERE'S THE REFRIGERATOR?
THE BEDROOM-- WHAT'S THAT SOUND-- THE STENCH?!
BLOOSH
MR. ROBIN-- OMIGOD!!
LEAVE US ALONE! YOU CAN'T SEPARATE US. JUST GIVE US FOOD. WE NEED FOOD. WE CAN'T EAT ALL THIS FOOD IT'S ROTTEN!
WE'RE HUNGRY!!!
MILK

I-I'VE GOT TO SEDATE IT.
GET OUT! GOING TO BE SICK--
--HULLP!
MR. ROBINSON? YOUR FAMILY! WHERE ARE THEY?! I WANT TO HELP YOU ALL!
I AM MY FAMILY. I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP. OUR PAIN IS GONE. JUST GIVE US FOOD. WE NEED TO EAT.
NOW'S MY CHANCE. WHILE IT'S DISTRACTED BY MCINERY.
NO! YOU WANT TO BREAK UP OUR FAMILY!
HUH!?!
NOO! LET GO OF ME!
JOIN US, DOCTOR.
KRRIP
HMM. TASTES SO GOOD. OUR HUNGER IS GONE!
PFFT
GURG--
OUT! EVERYBODY OUT!
SEAL THE CONTAINMENT DOORS!
SOMEONE GET WORD TO COL. BROWNING-- NOW! WE DON'T HAVE THE FACILITIES TO HANDLE THAT THING.
AND, GOD HELP US-- I'LL BET WE'RE GOING TO FIND MORE THINGS LIKE IT NEAR THE PITT!
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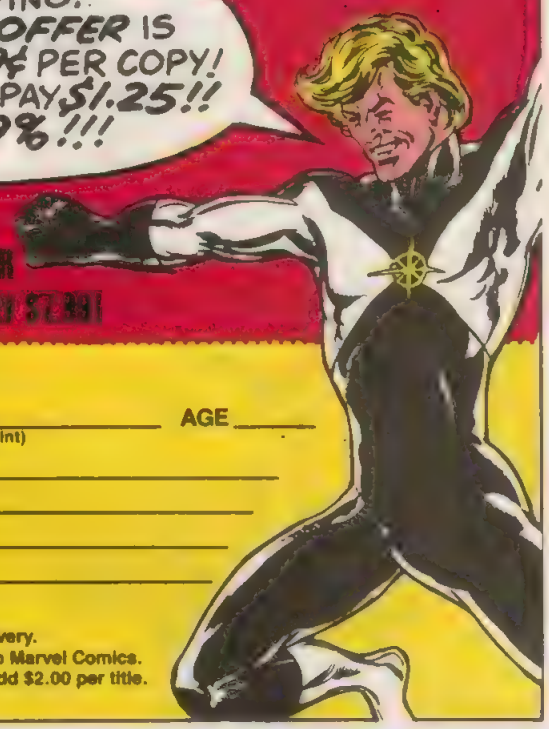
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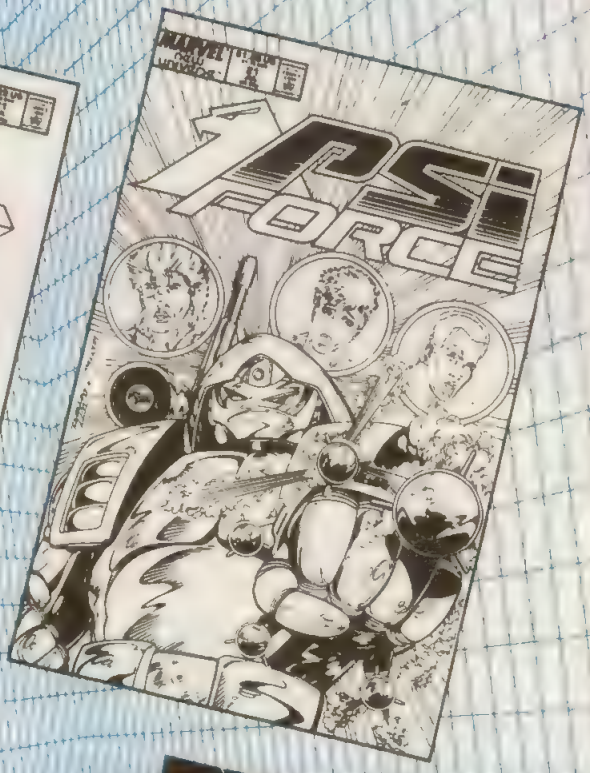

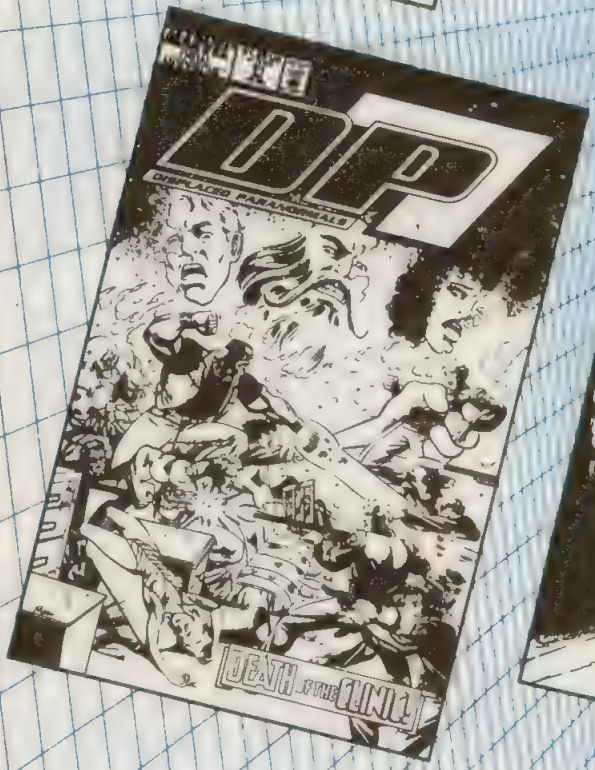

universe news

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The Official Timeline of the New Universe

July 22, 1986 (continued)

Jenny Swensen, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is teaching a physics class at the time of the White Event, but sees the flash from her window.

Dr. Karl Swensen is completing work on the creation of his Man Amplified X-perment armor. Indoors at the time, he fails to witness the White Event. (SPITFIRE #1)

Kenneth Connell is working at an auto repair garage in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and misses seeing the White Event. (STAR BRAND #1)

Stephanie Harrington is watching television in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and notices the White Event outside her window

David Landers is working indoors at the Waupaca Cheese Co. in New London, Wisconsin and misses seeing the White Event.

Randy O'Brien is examining a patient at the Winnebago County General Hospital and misses seeing the White Event

Jeff Walters is at work at McDonald's in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and observes the White Event outside the window.

Charlotte Beck is walking across the University of Wisconsin — Madison campus at the time of the White Event

Lenore Fenzl is reading a book in the Sunnyview Nursing Home in Green Bay, Wisconsin and misses seeing the White Event

Dennis Cuzinski is playing hooky from school in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and convinces his companion the White Event was a nuclear blast

John Tensen, a Drug Enforcement Agency operative, is investigating businessman and alleged drug dealer Damon Darquill in Los Angeles, California at the time of the White Event. He fails to witness it because he is indoors meeting with a minor drug dealer at a restaurant

Businessman **Damon Darquill** is taking a nap in his home in Baja California, at the time of the White Event. While asleep, he manifests his paranormal power to alter aspects of physical reality and awakens to an altered reality

July 23, 1986

Jack Magniconte uses **Steve's** intensifier and it overloads while Magniconte is inside it. Emerging from the machine, Magniconte finds that his hair has turned white, but after being examined by Steve, he finds that he is otherwise normal

(KICKERS, INC. #1)

Clinical psychologist **Dexter Charne** manifests his paranormal power to mentally alter others' behavior

(D.P. 7 ANNUAL #1)

Believing that the comatose **Nelson Kohler** will never recover, his wife decides to turn off his life support apparatus. Kohler's paranormality manifests at the instant of his physical death and he becomes a sentient, disembodied wraith

(D.P. 7 ANNUAL #1)

Anastasia Inyushin, while in "The Compound" playing soccer, manifests her paranormal power of healing injured beings when she heals a boy with a broken ankle by making physical contact with him

(PSI-FORCE ANNUAL #1)

Thomas Boyd manifests his paranormal power to drain the life-energy of people he touches while engaging in a fight with a fellow student at Miles Standish Prep School. Boyd is shocked by the incident and proceeds to flee the school

(PSI-FORCE ANNUAL #1)

Keith Remsen and his sister **Theodora** compare their dream experiences from the previous night and find that they had actually shared a dream. They then try to convince their psychotherapist **Dr. Lucien Ballard** that their experience was real. **Ballard** disbelieves them at first, but agrees to conduct an experiment on them. In the experiment, an associate, Lita Mercado, sleeps while Remsen and Theodora attempt to enter her dreams while they themselves are sleeping. Through reports shown on Ballard's electroencephelogram and Computerized Axial Topography scan as well as reports from **Remsen**, **Theodora**, and **Mercado**, it is proven that Remsen can actually enter people's dreams

(NIGHTMASK #1)

(Continued next issue)

Pro File on: Danny Bulanadi

Marvel freelance credits (past): Inker on MICRONAUTS, DAREDEVIL, SAVAGE SWORD, DAZZLER, INDIANA JONES, MOON KNIGHT, U.S. 1, WHAT IF, KING KULL, MAN THING, KING CONAN, CRYSTAR, HAWKEYE, THE ETERNALS, GHOST RIDER, SUB-MARINER LIMITED SERIES, INCREDIBLE HULK, G.I. JOE, STAR BRAND, HOUSE II & INHUMANOIDS

Marvel freelance credits (present): Inker on MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE, and D.P. 7

My hobbies are: Singing, taping, playing basketball, cooking

The single work of which I am most proud is: To reach my goals as a comic book artist

My pet peeves are: My neighbors and friends who never read comics!

My place of birth is: Manila, Philippines

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: When I work at Marvel Animation, drawing backgrounds and models for the "TRANSFORMERS" TV Series

My oddest habit is: Collecting good art books, painting

If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Dustin Hoffman or Tony Curtis

The reason I got into comics was: I really love comics and it's exciting for me to ink the work of different pencilers, and of course, it's a job!

People who knew me in High School thought I was: An artist

My favorite performers are: Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, the Beatles, Sandi Patti and Whitney Houston

The last good book I read was: *The Bible*

The last good movie I saw was: MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE

The biggest influences on my work include: Frank Frazetta, Neal Adams, Ken Bald, Alex Raymond, and John Buscema

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To work on a graphic novel

The worst part of my job is: If my pen and brush is no good. (*#@ *!!)

When nobody's looking I like to: Stretch my tired legs

The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: I want to beat the deadline!

ITEM: Pittsburgh isn't the only thing that's gone sky-high in the New Universe. Thanks to all you loyal rabid New U. fans, Marvel's Bookshelf edition of THE PITT has been a consistent sellout in comic specialty stores around the country! We're hoping that everyone will be equally enamored of the upcoming New Universe Bookshelf format books, the first being THE DRAFT which should be on sale even as we speak. Keep an eye peeled for it, because just like THE PITT before it, it's going to irrevocably affect the future of the New U

ITEM: Who says that the masses are not heard? No less than two months ago did we mention that Howard (New Universe) Mackie was the only editor without a window in his office from which to view the world outside. At that time we called upon the New U readers to write in to Marvel and demand that he be given an office window. Last month New Universe assistant editor, Dashing *David Wohl*, had his profile appear at the top of this very page. In it, the Vidster made it very clear that he would be most happy if he ever got a chance to view the Manhattan skyline from an office that he could call his own. Well, we can only guess that the response from you New Univites was overwhelming because Harried Howard and Darlin' David have been informed that they will indeed be moved to an office with not one, but two (count 'em) two windows. Howard and Dave send their thanks to all who let their voices be heard. Who knows? Maybe they could use a raise!

new universe checklist

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- ☐ D.P. 7 #21
- ☐ JUSTICE #21
- ☐ STAR BRAND #14
- ☐ THE DRAFT

JUSTICE KILLER CAUGHT

By KELLY DOLAN

BUTLER, Pennsylvania — In the shadow of the devastation of Pittsburgh, local law enforcement agents today apprehended a man believed to be the mass murderer known as the Justice Killer. Observers say that the killer was engaged in a bizarre battle with an as of yet unidentified individual at the PittAid concert.

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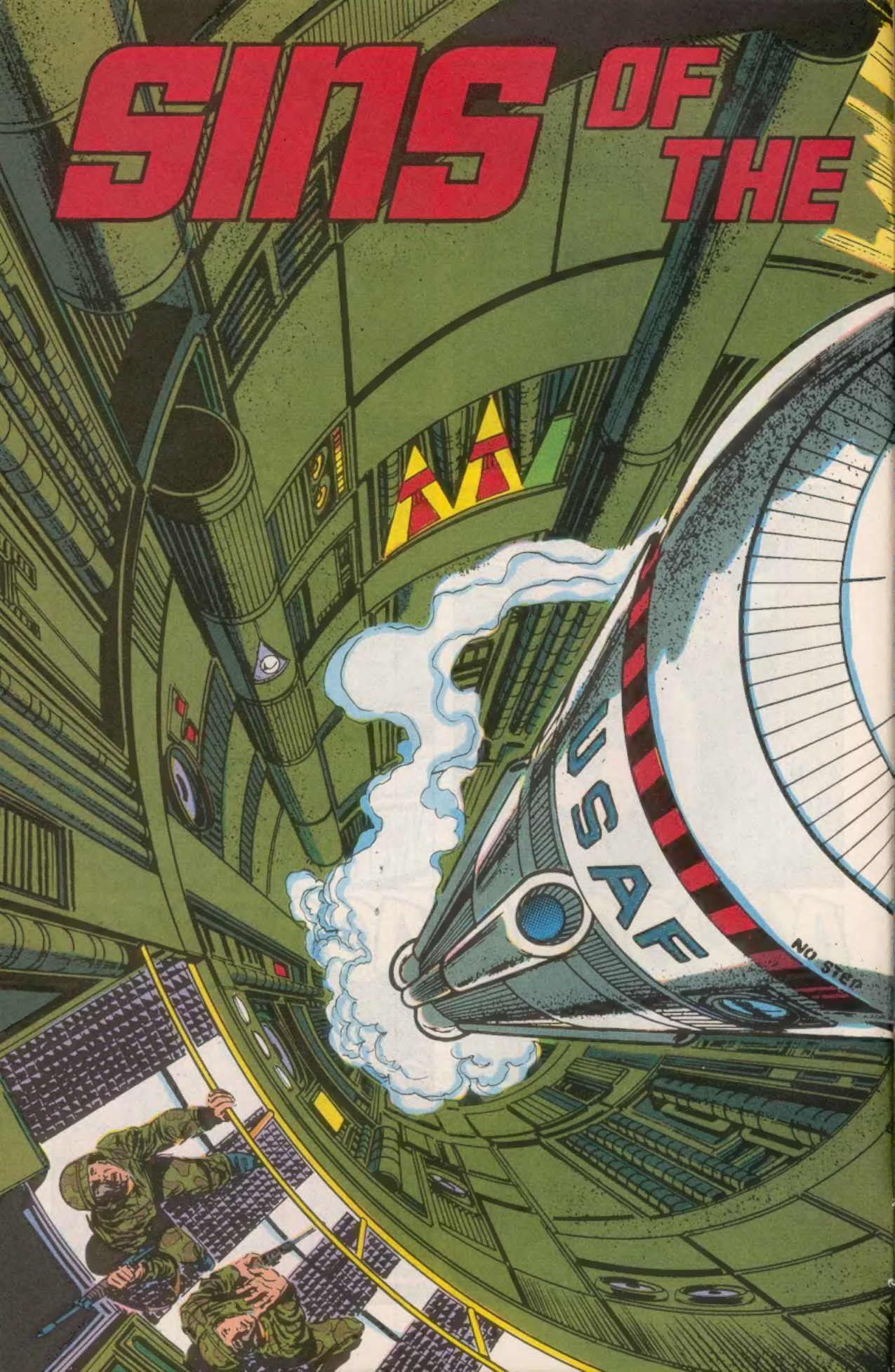
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